

German Halloween

Friends of the German-American Partnership cordially invite everyone to a Halloween party Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Reinhartshausen Castle in Erbach in the Rhine river valley. The party features a performance by the 11-year-old Chris Klemm, German champion in country line dance. Admission is free. Part of the proceeds from the sale of drinks will go to finance Chris's participation in the World Championship Country Line Dance Competition in Nashville, Tenn. at the beginning of next year. So put on your costumes and come celebrate Halloween in a real castle with real ghosts and at the same time help send Chris to Nashville. Register by calling civ (06123) 6760.

I-Dent-A Kid starts

The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program is sponsoring an I-Dent-A Kid Program, which is a free service to the community provided by your local provost marshal's office. The program kicks off Nov. 4.

The purpose of the program is to promote situational awareness and from that parents will receive a handy identification tool in case of an emergency.

The program consists of photographing and finger printing your child. Parents can bring their children (ages 10 and under) to the

military police station, Building 8720 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 - 4 p.m.

To learn more about SNAP contact your SNAP coordinator at mil 485-8669.

Sports shorts

The Baumholder Sports office hosts the following events in November:

Flag football, Nov. 1 - 3, USAREUR unit level flag football championship at Minnick Field and Iron Soldier Fields. The kick-off ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at Minnick Field, first game starts at 10 a.m. and the last one at 5:30 p.m.

First game at Iron Soldier Field starts at 11:15 Nov. 1 and the last game at 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 2, Minnick Field and Iron Soldier Field, first game starts at 9 a.m. and the last one at 5 p.m.

Nov. 3, Minnick Field, first game starts at 10 a.m. and the last one at 2 p.m.

Wrestling, Nov. 23, Baumholder invitational wrestling, at the Hall of Champions, Building 8105 starting at 11 a.m. weigh-ins and physicals, are from 8 - 10 a.m.

Coaches needed

Baumholder Sports is looking

for coaches for men and women community level basketball and boxing. Contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-6671/7176

TRICARE problems?

TRICARE Help E-Mail Service, or THEMS, is a free e-mail service that provides quick answers to TRICARE questions. If you need further information contact Gabi Martini, Baumholder's beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator at mil 485-6205 or civ (06783) 6-6205. Clinical questions should be referred to your primary care provider.

Holiday bazaar

Baumholder has scheduled its holiday bazaar Nov. 15 - 17. Vendors from all over Europe will be selling a variety of items such as Irish sweaters, baskets, wine, antiques, gift items and much more. Doors open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov. 15; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov. 16; and Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The bazaar will be at Hall of Champions in Building 8105.

AWAG gathers

Volunteers from the Kaiserslautern, Landstuhl, and Baumholder communities meet Nov.

22 at the Rheinlander for the Rheinland Pfalz area AWAG conference. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and will feature a variety of presentations on private organizations, FRG Training and different volunteer related topics. A registration fee of \$15 includes conference fee, breakfast, and lunch. For more information call April Barnett at civ (06783) 188916 or email ryan_n_april@yahoo.com. Persons interested in participating must register by Nov 15.

Job market classes

A local job market orientation class offered by Army Community Service includes insights on employment opportunities in the Baumholder Community and its surrounding area. Classes are offered on second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Call ACS for more information at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

training

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator office will offer training on how to recognize volunteers Nov. 20 from 9 - 11 a.m. Training will be available at Army Community Service call for more information at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Try volunteering

Are you new to Baumholder and want to meet new people? Try volunteering. The Baumholder community offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for people who wish to donate their time and assistance. Contact April Barnett, installation volunteer coordinator, at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 for details.

ACAP has work

Baumholder's Army Career and Alumni Program Center is seeking a full-time career counselor/workshop facilitator. A master's degree and a minimum of two years in teaching/counseling/training are required. This is a tax deferred pay status contract position with Resource Consultants Inc. Send resumes to Ericksenh@cmtymail.26asg.army.mil. For more information call mil 486-7089 or civ (0631)-411-7089.

Rheinlander brunch

The Rheinlander serves Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 3. The menu will include omelets, waffles, bacon, sausage, pork roast, potatoes, pasta, fruit tray, salad buffet, a dessert buffet and more. The cost is \$12.50 for adults;

\$9 for children 10 - 15 years old; \$6 for children 6 - 9 years old; and children 5 and under eat for free. Reservations are being accepted through Oct. 29 at mil 485-7507 or civ (06783) 6-7507.

Martial arts classes

The Chinese Goju Academy of Martial Arts is accepting new students for the Baumholder and Neubrück locations. Contact Thomas Felder at mil 485-6486, or Birgit Quick at mil 485-7276 for further information. Additional information on the Chinese Goju Academy can be found on the Baumholder website under the "Fun Things To Do" link.

Class schedule:

● Neubrück Gym: Mondays and Thursdays, youth classes 6 - 7 p.m., adult classes 7 - 8:15 p.m.

● Baumholder High School Gym: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, youth classes 6 - 7 p.m.

More information about the Chinese Goju Academy of Martial Arts is available on its website at <http://geocities.com/chinesegojuacademy>

Deployment tips

Do you have access to your soldiers Leave and Earnings Statement? If not, there is an easy way to view and print it. Defense Finance and Accounting Service has made it available through the World Wide Web. See your Battalion S-1 representative or go directly to finance to pick up the form to request a temporary PIN number to view your soldiers LES on line. Once you have your PIN you can go to <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm> to view your LES. Once at the web site, click on the green "Request Access" button. Type in the social security number and the PIN that DFAS will assign you. Your pin will be set to the last five numbers of your SSN and the first time you log on it will prompt you to reset your pin.

Promotion board

A Department of The Army Centralized Promotion Board convenes Nov. 5 to consider eligible first lieutenants for promotion to captain. Officers eligible for consideration should review their personnel files prior to Nov. 5. For a records appointment call mil 485-6453.

OCS board set

An officer candidate school board is set for Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Training Support Detachment small classroom, Building 8475. The board is open to any qualified enlisted soldier interested in becoming a commissioned officer. For more call Cpl. Melissa Reeves at mil 485-6788. Packets must be turned into the 222nd BSB Adjutant's Office by Nov. 12.



Jamie O'Neal

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Restless Heart

Photo courtesy of restless-heart.com

Country comes to town

Upcoming country superstar Jamie O'Neal and crossover band Restless Heart Present a free country music concert in Baumholder Nov. 20 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Theater.

This family oriented tour is a way for these artists to say thank you to all the soldiers, civilians and family members overseas.

Jamie O'Neal's debut album *Shiver* has produced two num-

ber one hits: "When I think about Angels" and "There is no Arizona". O'Neal's love for music began when she was just a child and she has spent her whole life preparing for this album. She is extremely excited about visiting the troops and their family during this tour.

Restless Heart produced several Gold albums in the late 80's and early 90's. With multiple number hits on both the

country and adult contemporary side they were a force to be reckoned with. A few of their number one hits include "Bluest Eyes in Texas", "When She Cries" and "Why Does It have to be Wrong or Right".

This free concert will bring top notch performers to Baumholder. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see Gold Album producing artists for free.

MWR roundup

Fall into fun

Win Delta Airline Tickets, a weekend at Chiemsee, Enjoy Tours trips, a digital camera, and much more. When you visit your favorite Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, don't forget to get that stamp. Each time you spend \$5 or more at a participating MWR facility you will receive a stamp. Once you get 10 stamps, drop your card in the drop box and you are entered. It is that simple. There is no limit on the number of cards that can submit.



Belated Halloween

The Rod and Gun will celebrate Halloween—just not on Oct. 31. The fun will be Nov. 1 from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Wear your favorite costume and compete to win great prizes. Call mil 485-6345 for more information.

Monday "footbowl"

It's "Footbowl" season so visit the Baumholder Bowling Center every Monday night and enjoy "four quarters" of bowling and snack bar specials. For more information call mil 485-6569

Outdoor Rec trips

Baumholder Outdoor Recreation has a variety of trips lined up for

November. For information on a specific trip, call mil 485-7182. The following trips are scheduled for November:

Nov. 2, Six Flags Belgium

Nov. 8-11, Veteran's Day Ski Trip to Austria

Nov. 9, Paris City Express

Nov. 11, Neuschwanstein Castle

Nov. 16, Amsterdam City Express

Nov. 23, Legoland

Nov. 27 – Dec. 1, Thanksgiving Ski Trip to Austria

Nov. 30, Paris City Express

It's a turkey shoot

The Rolling Hills Golf Course annual turkey shoot tournament will be held Nov. 16. Tee off is at 9 a.m. Everybody wins a turkey so come out and enjoy the fun. Call mil 485-7299 for more information.

Coaches needed

As the fall youth sports season begins, coaches are still needed. Help the youth of Baumholder stay active in sports and learn how to work as a team. For more information call mil 485-7003.

Rack 'em

Pool tournaments are now happening every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. at the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Call mil 485-6345.

Change in hours

The bowling center will open at noon rather than 11 a.m. starting Oct. 15 and will continue to close at its normal hours. The bowling center will continue to close at normal hours. For details call mil 485-6569.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Spc. Joel Robinson prepares a plate for a customer at Baumholder's 2nd Brigade Combat Team Dining facility. The facility cooks and attendants have set their sights on Department of the Army honors in the Philip A. Connelly Award Program for excellence in Army food service.

2nd BCT dining facility gets DA evaluation

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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The 2nd Brigade Combat Team Dining Facility is one of five Army dining facilities worldwide in the running for the Department of the Army Philip A. Connelly Award that recognizes excellence in Army food service. Three Department of the Army level evaluators dropped in Oct. 18 for a final peek to see what's cooking in the kitchen.

But the cooks and facility atten-

dants at this facility are already winners, having run the gauntlet of 1st Armored Division, 5th Corps and U.S. Army in Europe evaluators. In each evaluation, the 2nd BCT Dining Facility was selected as the best large category dining facility.

Now, the cooks and attendants of the 2nd BCT Dining Facility are poised to take DA level honors once the remaining facilities are evaluated.

Richard Shonquist, Sr., one of the three evaluators, was quick to point out that the facility was not

really being inspected, but rather that it was being evaluated.

"We're not really doing an inspection. We're doing an evaluation. If we were here to do an inspection it would be strictly sanitation. So we do everything from the book work, the recipes, the menu plan, to the listing after the meal period of unused portions," said Shonquist.

In almost all instances involving an inspection or evaluation, the results center on the performance of the people involved.

"The basic corps of any facility is the people that are in the facility. They're the ones that tie into the all the areas such as production, sanitation, serving, customer friendliness, the conditions of the dining room, the lighting and all other aspects that go into a food operation.

"That's what it comes down to," said Shonquist. "You could have the finest equipment in the world but if you don't have anybody to take care of it or use it in a proper manner it really doesn't make any difference," he said.

But the soldiers and attendants of the 2nd BCT Dining Facility appear to have the best of both worlds. They have a spacious, newly renovated facility and they have successfully completed three evaluations with flying colors, attesting to

the quality of food service they provide to the Baumholder community.

"To get to this level means a whole lot," said Col. John D. Johnson, 2nd BCT commander. "You guys know how to do your business. You're experts, you're winners. And for new soldiers just joining our team, take this to heart. You've got the chance to see what right looks like. You'll spend the rest of your life trying to replicate

that and as you do, every unit you go to will be that much better," Johnson told the soldiers and attendants after the evaluation.

"I appreciate everything you do for our soldiers. Every day, day in and day

out, soldiers come here and eat. They can't function without you. You are a huge combat multiplier. You have just as much in the way we go about winning as any bullet, as any Bradley, as any tank, as any artillery piece, MP patrol car, anything else that goes into this combat team, probably more so," said Johnson.

"This evaluation means that the soldiers and attendants have excelled in their job and that they are proud of what they do every day. By somebody coming from the Department of the Army to see them do their day to day work is a proud

moment for them," said Sgt. 1st Class Angel Ortiz, food operations sergeant.

Food service is not an exact science and excelling is even more of a challenge but according to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sabrina Nero, 2nd BCT food advisor, the cooks and attendants of the 2nd BCT Dining Facility have found that a combination of good leadership and taking pride in what they do can lead to success.

"I think the soldiers take pride in what they do and what they produce.

"When they're out there getting that good training from their leaders, the soldiers see that the leaders are working with them, training with them, teaching them, motivating them, showing them that it's very important to provide a good service to soldiers and that motivates them," she said.

The soldiers of the 2nd BCT Dining Facility are actually juggling two operations at one time. They are doing the garrison operation and field feeding.

"I think it's impressive for the soldiers to reach this level of competition," said Nero. "To incorporate the garrison operation and field feeding at one time and to reach this level in the competition is just awesome," said Nero.

"The soldiers in the 2nd BCT are receiving good quality meals, not just to standard but they have exceeded those standards. And that's what it's all about here," said Nero.

DA will announce the winner and runner up in early 2003.

"You have just as much in the way we go about winning as any bullet, as any Bradley, as any tank, as any artillery piece..."

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Sgt. Eric Vaughan Serves up some peach cobbler for a customer.



Above, 2nd Brigade Combat Team Dining Facility cooks and attendants receive a pep talk from Richard Shonquist, Sr., an evaluator for the Department of the Army Philip A. Connelly Award competition. Shonquist is the president of the Las Vegas branch of the International Food Service Executives Association. At right, Sgt. Don Grover puts the finishing touches on a Mongolian barbecue bar.

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Richard Shonquist observes Spc. Timothy Charbonneau's roast carving technique.

